

CLASS SPECIFICATION
County of Fairfax, Virginia

CLASS CODE: 3194

TITLE: AUDIOLOGIST I

GRADE: S-21

DEFINITION:

Under close and instructional supervision, provides audiological services; and performs related work as required.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CLASS:

This is an entry-level class. Upon completion of the training and experience requirement, employees must be promoted, transferred, or dismissed.

ILLUSTRATIVE DUTIES:

Assists a higher-level Audiologist with tasks in any phase of audiological services;
Conducts routine and special diagnostic tests in the evaluation of hearing to determine the nature, extent and site-of-lesion of hearing impairment;
Summarizes results in concise and accurate reports;
Provides hearing aid evaluations and hearing aid orientation sessions;
Obtains acoustic analysis of hearing aids;
Offers programs of aural rehabilitation;
Interprets the nature and implications of hearing impairment for parents and/or clients, and provides counseling;
Makes appropriate referrals for medical and/or rehabilitative treatment;
Participates in the audiological services for other Health Department programs (i.e., Pediatric Center, Bureau for Crippled Children);
Participates in parent education and in-service programs.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

Knowledge of the principles and practices of audiology;
Knowledge of various types of hearing tests, and the ability to administer them;
Knowledge of the various techniques, equipment and methods of calibration;
Knowledge of physical and psychological disabilities affecting hearing, and of their social implications;
Ability to establish and maintain effective relationships with clients, family members and professional colleagues;
Ability to communicate clearly and concisely, orally and in writing.

EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS:

Any combination of education, experience, and training equivalent to:
Graduation from an accredited four-year college or university with a master's degree in audiology; PLUS
Completion of academic and clinical practicum requirements for certification in audiology by the American Speech and Hearing Association.

CERTIFICATES AND LICENSES REQUIRED:

Eligibility for a temporary or permanent license in audiology issued by the Commonwealth of Virginia.

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